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SUBJECT: REPORT OF DANIEL MOORE, FAA, ON DISCUSSIONS
WITH SALIM BIN NASSIR, MANAGING DIRECTOR GULF AIR (GF)
AND DGCA OMAN

REF: A) MUSCAT 731 B) STATE 137968 C) FAA MESSAGE
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1. SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE MORNING MONDAY JUNE 28
AT GULF AIR HEADQUARTERS. IN ATTENDANCE WERE MOORE,
FAA/WASHINGTON, ADNEN BSEISU, GF, GENERAL MANAGER,
FINANCE, AND GEORGE BROWN, PAA, WHO ARRIVED BAHRAIN TWO
WEEKS AGO AND WILL BE ADVISOR TO SALIM FOR GF PLANS
AND PROGRAMS.

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2. AFTER ALLOWING THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH FAA CAAG ACTIVITIES IN OMAN, SALIM BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF GF RECENT PURCHASE FIVE BOEING 737, THREE TO BE DELIVERED JULY 1977 AND TWO AUGUST SAME YEAR. HE WANTS THESE AIRCRAFT TO MEET FAA SPECS AND ASKED IF FAA WOULD PROVIDE A RESIDENT PROJECT ENGINEER IN SEATTLE. MOORE REPLIED THAT FAA RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURING AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION OF U.S. MANUFACTURED AIRCRAFT AND CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE ONCE AIRCRAFT IN USE THROUGH THE AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE SYSTEM. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIGNING RESIDENT PROJECT ENGINEER RESTS WITH AIRLINE WHICH ORDERED AIRCRAFT, IF IT SO DESIRED. BROWN AGREED AND INTERJECTED THAT PAA HAD DONE THIS FOR B747. SALIM THEN ASKED IF PAA COULD PROVIDE SUCH A PERSON. BROWN REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVED SO AND WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, BUT THEN STATED HIS OPINION THAT FULL TIME SERVICES OF SUCH A PERSON MAY NOT BE NECESSARY. SALIM AGREED AND ADDED THAT RESIDENT ENGINEER WOULD KEEP GF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE APPRISED OF PROGRESS. VIEW FOREGOING, NO NEED NOW FOR FLIGHT STANDARDS EXPERT FROM FAA BRUSSELS TO VISIT GF AS MENTIONED IN REFTELS.

3. SALIM WANTS B737S TO BE PUT UNDER OMANI REGISTRY WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH PROCESS OF U.K. REGISTRY AS WAS CASE LOCKHEED TRISTARS AND THUS ELIMINATE CONSIDERABLE COST OF U.K. AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION. COMMERCIAL OPERATING CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED BY OMAN. AIR SAFETY STANDARDS TO FOLLOW FAA FAR'S. HE HAS ASKED ICAO TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION EXPERT.

4. ON SUBJECT ATC INFRASTRUCTURE IN OMAN, SALIM MENTIONED PRIORITY FOR SALALAH AIRPORT WHICH TO BE READY FOR OPERATION IN APRIL 1977. HE SAID THAT LETTER OF INTENT GIVEN PLESSEY (U.K.) FOR TERMINAL RADAR AT SALALAH. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVAID PROCUREMENT FOR OMAN IN THE MILL. IN REPLY TO MOORE QUESTION WHETHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED IN ATC PROCEDURES FIELD, SALIM REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE BUT NOT QUITE YET. HE WOULD LET FAA KNOW AND ADDED HE WANTS BEST EXPERTISE

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HE CAN OBTAIN AND THAT IS WHY HE HAS FAA AND PAN AM.

5. SALIM MOST FRIENDLY AND OUTGOING. PROUD OF OMANI ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CIVIL AVIATION FIELD IN PAST FOUR YEARS. KISSINGER

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